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COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES SET FOR FM BROADCAST BOOSTER STATIONS NPRM

MB Docket Nos. 20-401, 17-105

Comment Date: February 10, 2021 Reply Comment Date: March 12, 2021

On November 20, 2020, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in a proceeding to amend its rules governing the operation of FM booster stations.¹ The Commission sought comment on enabling FM broadcasters to use FM booster stations to air geo-targeted content independent of the signals of its primary station within different portions of the primary station's protected service contour for a limited period of time during the broadcast hour. The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register.²

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on January 11, 2021.³ Comments must be submitted no later than February 10, 2021. Reply comments must be submitted no later than March 12, 2021. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 36 of the *NPRM*.⁴ The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.⁵

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¹ Amendment of Section 74.1231(i) of the Commission's Rules on FM Broadcast Booster Stations, MB Docket Nos. 20-401, 17-105, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 20-166 (Nov. 20, 2020) (NPRM). The NPRM was released on December 1, 2020.

² *Id.* at 1.

³ FM Broadcast Booster Stations; Modernization of Media Initiative, 86 Fed. Reg. 1909 (Jan. 11, 2021).

⁴ See NPRM at 11-12, para. 36.

⁵ See https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-seeks-comment-enabling-fm-booster-geo-targeting-capabilities.